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SUBJ: MEETING WITH AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE ON ARCHIPELAGO
NEGOTIATIONS

(1) JOHN NORTON MOORE, THE DEPUTY SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE PRESIDENT FOR LOS NEGOTIATIONS, MET WITH CHARLES MOTT,
COUNSELOR, THE AUSTRALIAN MISSION TO THE UN, TO GIVE MOTT THE
US ARCHIPELAGO PROPOSAL RECENTLY PASSED TO FIJI, THE PHILI-
PPINES, AND INDONESIA AND TO BRING MOTT UP TO DATE ON THE
ARCHIPELAGO DISCUSSIONS. MOORE POINTED OUT THAT THE U.S.
HAD HELD A SECOND ROUND OF ARCHIPELAGO DISCUSSIONS WITH THE
INDONESIANS AND HAD ALSO HELD DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WITH
FIJI AND THE PHILIPPINES AND THAT THE DISCUSSIONS WERE CON-
TINUING AND WERE HOPEFUL. MOORE THANKED MOTT FOR THE AUS-
TRALIAN FOREBEARANCE TO DATE ON THEIR ARCHIPELAGO PROPOSAL
AND INDICATED OUR DESIRE TO CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH
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THEM AT THIS SENSITIVE TIME. MOTT RESPONDED THAT HE AGREED

WITH CONTINUING AUSTRALIAN FOREBEARANCE AT THIS TIME, WAS ENCOURAGED BY THE HOPEFUL TONES OF THE U.S. DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ARCHIPELAGO CLAIMANTS, AND WOULD RECOMMEND TO THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT CONTINUED AUSTRALIAN FOREBEARANCE. MOORE ALSO ASKED FOR AUSTRALIAN COMMENTS ON THE LATEST U.S. PROPOSAL AT THEIR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

(2) WITH RESPECT TO THE AUSTRALIAN QUESTIONS REGARDING INCLUDING PAPUA-NEW GUINEA WITHIN THE ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE, MOORE INDICATED THE U.S. WOULD NOT REQUIRE THAT ALL ISLANDS WITHIN AN ARCHIPELAGIC GROUP BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE ARCHIPELAGIC LINES BUT ONLY THE PRINCIPAL ISLANDS, OTHERWISE FIJI COULD NOT QUALIFY. MOORE ALSO INDICATED THAT THE U.S. HAS ALSO LIBERALIZED ITS PROPOSAL TO PERMIT 1 PERCENT OF ARCHIPELAGIC CLOSING LINES TO EXCEED 80 NAUTICAL MILES PROVIDED THEY DO NOT EXCEED 100 NAUTICAL MILES.

(3) FOR CANBERRA SUBSEQUENT TO MOORE MEETING WITH MOTT WE HAVE OBTAINED DATA INDICATING THAT IF BISMARK SEA INCLUDED (INCLUSION WOULD REQUIRE 2 NINETY MILE LINES), LAND WATER RATIO OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA WOULD BE 1:1.8109 AND WOULD THUS QUALIFY UNDER BOTH 1:1 LOWER LIMIT AND 1:5 UPPER LIMIT SUGGESTED IN NEW U.S. PROPOSAL. EMBASSY SHOULD CONVEY THIS LATEST INFO TO AUSTRALIAN LOS REPS CANBERRA AT REQUEST OF PROFESSOR MOORE.

(4) STATE 124371 CONCERNING ARCHIPELAGIC CLAIMANTS INCLUDED AND EXCLUDED BY LATEST US PROPOSAL IS BEING REPEATED TO CONCERNED POSTS FYI. POSTS SHOULD NOTE FOR THEIR OWN INFORMATION IN REFERENCE TO PARA 6 OF REFERENCED TEL THAT U.S. WOULD NOT WISH AN OPEN ENDED DEFINITION OF ARCHIPELAGIC STATES AND AS SUCH WOULD WISH TO SPECIFY IN ANY FINAL TREATY DEFINITION THAT PRINCIPAL ISLANDS MUST BE ENCLOSED BY THE ARCHIPELAGIC LINES AND THAT ONLY A SINGLE CLUSTER WOULD BE PERMITTED FOR ANY QUALIFYING STATE. SCHAUFLE

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